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Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition  
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Re: Lamoille Valley R.R. Co. \_ Abandonment Exemption \_ In Caledonia,  
Washington, Orleans, Lamoille, and Franklin Counties, VT Surface  
Transportation Board, Docket No. AB-44 (Sub-No. 1X)

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition supports the railbanking of the Lamoille Valley Railroad. This railroad has been unused for many years, and the communities along the railroad would like to preserve the corridor while allowing its use as a multi-use trail.

Railbanking the corridor would preserve the right of way and enable its summer use by bicyclists, walkers, runners, equestrians and other non-motorized users. Winter use would be primarily snowmobile. The communities along the trail would benefit from the economic activity of the many trail users, both winter and summer.

For now, a multi-use trail is the best use of the corridor. If technology or transportation demand changes such that a rail again makes sense, then railbanking also preserves the possibility of a return to rail.

Sincerely,

*Becka Roof*  
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Executive Director

### Supporting Organizations

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